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For: STEERING APPARATUS FOR RAIL NON-  
CONTACT VEHICLE AND STEERING  
METHOD FOR THE SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

. This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.